

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING AUGUST 9, 2005

The Hall County Board of Equalization met August 9, 2005 by published call, from regular session.

MEMBERS PRESENT – Members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Dick Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. .

9:35 a.m. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into a board of equalization meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY ASSESSOR JAN PELLAND APPLICATION FOR HOMESTED EXEMPTIONS FILED DURING THE EXTENSION PERIOD – County Assessor Jan Pelland was present she stated that the Board approved the extension period for the homestead exemptions. She has to deny the applications but the County Board of Equalization can override her decision. She received the following applications:

Doris Jensen, 811 North White, Grand Island, Nebraska

Juanita Wheeler, 1923 West 11th Street, Grand Island, Nebraska

Joseph E Nieman, 320 North Carey, Grand Island, Nebraska

Irene Luna, 712 East 8th Street, Grand Island, Nebraska

Rosemary Dresden, 2326 East 13th, Street, Grand Island, Nebraska

Ruben & Diosdada Supan, 1426 North Broadwell Avenue, Grand Island, Nebraska

Jan Pelland, County Assessor denied the applications.

Hartman made a motion and Arnold seconded to override the County Assessor's denial of the homestead applications and approve them. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PENALTY APPEALS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY – County Assessor Jan Pelland stated that the filing period for the personal property is from January 1st to May 1st. the assessor's office send out the returns and if changes need to be made they owners can make the changes and send the forms back to the assessor's office. The following forms were not returned in a timely manner and have received the penalty.

1. GSC Limited Inc. P.O. Box 408, Wood River, Nebraska this was a new filing The letter requesting the board to waive the penalty stated that there were some problems and the bookkeeper did not file the forms when they received the notice of failure to file they sent the forms in but they were not received by the assessors office until June 6th.
2. Shonsey & Associates for Dr Steve Stec. The letter stated that the forms were prepared by the firm and they met with Dr Stec to have it signed and it was mailed. The assessor's office did not receive the forms and they are requesting that the penalty be abated. This was received June 7th.

3. Steve & Elaine Hostler 4513 West Husker Highway, Alda, Nebraska. The letter stated that the forms were completed by their accountant and were misplaced and not mailed. They are requesting the board to waive the penalty. The forms were received May 24th.

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to deny the appeals on the personal property tax forms.

Discussion was held on the filings. Arnold expressed concern that if the forms were mailed and not received by the assessor's office the person filing the forms would not know that. It is not their fault if it is lost in the mail.

Pelland stated that they sent out 260 forms and only three people appealed the penalty. The penalty is to be waived only if it was in error. The penalties were assessed on these because they failed to file them in a timely manner.

The vote on the motion to deny the appeals was taken. Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye votes yes and Arnold, Eriksen, and Lancaster voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to go out of the board of equalization meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:45 a.m. returned to regular session

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk